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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment, filed on 3/4/04 and Interview, dated 5/18/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9, 11, 13, 23-24, 28, and 25-27 have been renumbered as 1-9, respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 April 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Paul Donovan (#39,962) on May 18, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 13, line 1, the first occurrence of "insert" has been replaced with

- -assembly- -.

In claim 13, line 2, - -of the insert- - has been inserted after - -end- - and

- -of the insert- - has been inserted after - -portion- -.

In claim 23, line 7, - -of said- - has been inserted before the second occurrence of - -channel- - and the second occurrence of "channel" has been replaced with - -channels--.

In claim 23, line 10, "one" has been replaced with - -the associated- - and - -the sleeves of the- - has been inserted after - -in the- -.

In claim 24, line 7, - -of said- - has been inserted before the second occurrence of - -channel- - and the second occurrence of "channel" has been replaced with - -channels--.

In claim 24, line 10, "one" has been replaced with - -the associated- - and - -the sleeves of the- - has been inserted after - -in the- -.

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In claim 24, line 12, - -allowing- - has been inserted after - -sleeves,- -.

In claim 25, line 1, "guide" has been replaced with - -assembly- -.

In claim 26, line 5, - -of said- - has been inserted before the second occurrence of - -channel- - and the second occurrence of "channel" has been replaced with - -channels--.

In claim 26, line 8, "one" has been replaced with - -the associated- -.

In claim 26, line 9, - -the sleeves of the- - has been inserted after - -in the- -.

In claim 27, line 5, - -of said- - has been inserted before the second occurrence of - -channel- - and the second occurrence of "channel" has been replaced with - -channels--.

In claim 27, line 8, "one" has been replaced with - -the associated- -.

In claim 27, line 9, - -the sleeves of the- - has been inserted after - -in the- -.

In claim 28, line 1, the first occurrence of "guide" has been replaced with - -assembly- -.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen A Vu whose telephone number is 703-308-1378. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter M Cuomo can be reached on 703-308-0827. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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